

REMARKS

The invention is a method of using a terminal having a display, a terminal for accessing an application, and a terminal for accessing application services. In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a method of using a terminal 20 having a display 70 includes accessing a first application using the terminal; displaying the first application on the display; displaying features of the first application within a selected first active window of the terminal; accessing a second application using the terminal, displaying the second application on the display and displaying features of the second application within a selected second active window of the terminal; and wherein accessing the second application results in the features of the first application being transformed to be displayed within a non-selected first active window of the terminal. See page 18, lines 12-31, through page 21, lines 1-10, for a discussion of the claimed subject matter.

The utilization of the active windows 604-614 along with an active window in the first part of the display 620 permits the user to ascertain which application, such as a web page, the user desires to access. The active windows 604-614 may be static or dynamic in nature so that the user may recognize a change in contents of the active windows 604-614. As is seen from the description at the bottom of page 18, the controller works such that the terminal obtains and stores a visual representation of the web page on the active window 604 which was the previously displayed web page with the previously displayed web page now being shown as a sunken snapshot, which in itself may be a full window or a part window so that features of the non-selected shrunken image or partial image may be displayed as

static or dynamic features. This, as stated above, facilitates the choice of active applications. The non-selected first window is a shrunken image of the selected first active window and features of the shrunken image are updated in a real time manner as set forth in cancelled claims 34, 37, 42, 44, 47 and 48 and newly submitted claim 57 which claims a computer program stored on a storage medium incorporating the terminal of claim 28.

The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 9, 12, 20, 28 and 38. The claims have been amended to overcome the stated grounds of objection.

Claims 7, 10, 11, 16, 32, 36, 41 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, regarding improper antecedent basis. The claims have been amended to overcome the stated grounds of rejection.

Claims 44, 47, 48 and 56 have been cancelled to overcome the potential issue of double patenting.

Claims 1-2, 7, 10-13, 16-17, 20-21, 26-29 and 32-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,342, 908 (Bates et al). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Each of independent claims 1, 12, 20, 28 and newly submitted claim 57 have been amended to recite "said non-selected first active window is a shrunken image of said selected first active window and features of said shrunken image are updated in a real time manner is the subject matter of claims 34 and 37 and 39 and 43 and which has no counterpart in Bates et al. While Bates et al, as the Examiner has stated, teach the display of multiple windows as, for example, in Figs. 4D, 5B, 5C, 6B and 6C involving the process of focusing as described at column 6, lines 48 et seq. such as at column 7, lines 34-45, which, while shrinking windows as time

passes does not describe or render obvious the subject matter of the independent claims as amended. There is no basis why a person of ordinary skill in the art would be led to modify Bates et al to provide a non-selected first window is a shrunken image of a selected first active window and features of the shrunken image are updated in a real time manner as recited in the independent claims except by impermissible hindsight.

Moreover, claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form and includes the limitation of "features of said shrunken image are updated in a periodic manner which it is submitted are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Bates et al. Moreover, claim 43 has been amended in this same manner and it is submitted to also be patentable.

Finally, newly submitted claim 57 sets forth a computer program stored on a storage medium for use in a terminal as recited in claim 28 which it is submitted renders claim 57 patentable. Furthermore, in view of the cancellation of numerous claims, it is submitted that the addition of one additional independent claim 57 incorporating the same substantive differences as discussed above would not raise new issues with the Examiner. The subject matter of claim 57 is supported, *inter alia*, by Fig. 2 and the associated disclosure in the specification, including Fig. 1.

Finally, the specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0171.38959X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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